

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hironao MINATO

: Confirmation No. -----

U.S. Application No. -----

: Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: January 16, 2004

: Examiner: K. Reichle

For: DISPOSABLE DIAPER HAVING A MECHANICAL FASTENING SYSTEM (*as amended*)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application as to substance, please amend the application as follows.